

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 71, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

<Comparative Example 3>

The reaction was carried out in the same manner as in Comparative Example 2, except that methanol containing 75 vol% of water was used as the polymerization solvent, to obtain 12.2 g of a polymer. The polymerization activity was 15.3 kg/g-Pd·hr. The $[\eta]$ was 2.1 dl/g, which was insufficient.

Page 77, replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

<Comparative Example 13>

The polymerization was carried out in the same manner as in Comparative Example 2, except that nickel acetate was used in place of palladium acetate, 1,2-bis{di-(2-methoxyphenyl)} ethane was used as the ligand, the polymerization temperature was 85°C, the polymerization pressure was 7.0 MPa (a mixed gas comprising 1:1 of ethylene/carbon monoxide) and the polymerization time was 0.5 hour. As a result, only a trace amount of polyketone was obtained.

Page 85, replace the paragraph beginning on line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

<Comparative Example ~~[[14]]~~15>

The polyketone polymerized in Comparative Example 2 was subjected to spinning, washing, drying and stretching by the same methods and under the same

conditions as in Example 15. Clogging of spinneret or breakage of filaments was not observed during the spinning during the 6 hours, but increase of the extrusion pressure of 15% was observed during the 6 hours, and the dope extruded from spinneret after the 6 hours was colored yellow.